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The Librarian of Congress, Dr. Daniel Boorstin The Library of Congress Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Dr. Boorstin:

We are advised that the Library of Congress is doing a book review or study of the book, Soviet Military Supremacy, written by Quentin Crommelin and David Sullivan.

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Apparently, the book review or study is being done by Mr. Steve Bowman of the CRS. We are unaware of Mr. Bowman's credentials to conduct a study of this nature; however, we are very interested in seeing the results of his work and we hereby request that a copy of his research be provided to us. Moreover, it seems to us that someone of the caliber of Col. John Collins should be working on a study of this nature.

Since much of the data presented in <u>Soviet Military Supremacy</u> is based on complex analysis of previously under-publicized information, we have asked Mr. Sullivan to work with Mr. Bowman to make sure Mr. Bowman understands the factual basis for the data presented in the book.

Frankly, we did not realize that it was the policy of the Library of Congress to prepare critiques of particular books. If it is the policy of the Library, we request that a report be prepared for us as soon as possible on the factual accuracy of Dr. Carl Sagan's recent book, The Cold and the Dark, and also recent Center for Defense Information and Institute for Policy Studies military "balance" assessments.

We would, of course, wish for those reports, as well as the report on the Crommelin and Sullivan book, to be entirely impartial and non-partisan.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our request.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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United States Senator

